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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY

1. GROUP OF THREE TO FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED AT CHANCERY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION APPROXIMATELY 1245 - 1315 HOURS LOCAL. FLAG, WHICH FLYING AT HALF-MAST WAS TAKEN. MANY WINDOWS IN CHANCERY BROKEN BY STONES, STICKS AND OTHER PROJECTILES. STUDENTS SHOUTING "THEY MUST GO" IN REFERENCE TO BRITISH AND AMERICANS. (TENSE AND GROWING XENOPHOBIC MOOD OF COUNTRY SUBJECT SEPTEL, THE WRITING OF WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED BY BREAKING WINDOW). AMERICANS OBJECT OF DEMONSTRATION BECAUSE OF RUMORS THAT CIA INVOLVED IN LAST FRIDAY'S ATTEMPTED COUP; BRITISH BECAUSE DIMKA VISITED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION DURING LAST FRIDAY'S EVENTS, REPORT OF WHICH CARRIED TODAY'S PRESS.

2. NO RPT NO PERSONAL INJURIES.

3. POLICE, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATION SOME
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THREE AND A HALF HOURS EARLIER HAD FAILED RESPOND EMBASSY'S REPEATED

REQUEST FOR PROTECT BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED. HOWEVER,
POLICE DID EVENTUALLY SHOW UP AND USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE MAIN
GROUP OF STUDENTS. SOME STUDENTS HOWEVER STILL IN VICINITY OF
CHANCERY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION. MEA INFORMED; DIRECTOR
AMERICANS DEPARTMENT APOLOGIZED.

4. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PROTEST.
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